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1. SUMMARY: IN CONVERSATION WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LAINGEN (REFTTEL), CYPRIOT CHARGE ANGELIDES WAS UNDOUBTEDLY REFERRING TO 47 INDIVIDUALS LISTED IN JULY 15 PIO RELEASE AS HAVING BEEN EXPELLED FROM NORTHERN CYPRUS BETWEEN JULY 2 AND JULY 11. ALL OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED CAME FROM NORTH COAST AND NOT REPEAT NOT KARPASS. AS BEST WE CAN DETERMINE, MIGRATIONS ARE PARTLY VOLUNTARY AND PARTLY RESULT OF EITHER OVERT OR IMPLIED TURKISH PRESSURE. TACTICS VARY. WE CONCLUDE THAT THERE IS TURKISH EFFORT TO DISCOURAGE REMAINING GREEK CYPRIOTS TO POINT WHERE EVENTUALLY NONE WILL CARE TO LIVE IN NORTHERN CYPRUS. END SUMMARY.

2. FROM CONVERSATIONS WITH AMERICAN RESIDENTS, SOCIAL SECURITIES BENEFICIARIES, AND GREEK CYPRIOT CONTACTS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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NORTHERN CYPRUS, IT APPEARS THAT REMAINING GREEK

CYPRIOT POPULATION IN KYRENIA AND NEARBY VILLAGES IS BEING FORCED TO MOVE SOUTH TO VACATE HOUSING FOR TURKISH/TURK CYPRIOT MIGRANTS. THIS AREA IS FIRST CHOICE OF RESIDENCE FOR MIGRATING TURKS AND PRESSURE FOR HOUSING HAS EVEN LED TO EFFORTS TAKE OVER APARTMENTS AND VILLAS BELONGING TO NON-RESIDENT TURK CYPRIOTS.

3. IN OTHER AREAS ON NORTH COAST, WHERE OVERT PRESSURE NOT BEING EXERTED, MANY GREEK CYPRIOTS ARE SERIOUSLY QUESTIONING WHETHER IT POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO CONTINUE LIVING IN TURKISH CONTROLLED CYPRUS AFTER ONE YEAR'S OCCUPATION. BIGGEST COMPLAINT IS LACK OF SCHOOLING AND INABILITY WORK IN ANY FIELD BUT AGRICULTURE, AND EVEN THEN ONLY UNDER VERY STRINGENT CONDITIONS.

4. IN SOME CASES, TURKS ARE MAKING IT ATTRACTIVE FOR GREEK CYPRIOT RESIDENTS TO OPT FOR MOVE SOUTH, WITH THOSE REQUESTING MOVE BEING PERMITTED TRANSPORT ALL MOVEABLE PROPERTY, AS WELL AS MOTOR VEHICLES, ACROSS GREEN LINE. ONE NEIGHBOR OF AMCIT NORTH COAST RESIDENT WAS ALLOWED TO TAKE THREE TRUCKLOADS OF PERSONAL BELONGINGS INTO GREEK CYPRUS LAST WEEK.

5. ANOTHER FACET OF CAMPAIGN APPEARS TO BE EFFORT INTIMIDATE REMAINING GREEK CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP IN TURKISH CONTROLLED AREA. EXAMPLE OF THIS OCCURRED IN BELLAPAIS WHERE NINE VILLAGE LEADERS WERE ROUNDED UP, THREATENED WITH IMMEDIATE EXPULSION, AND ONLY RETURNED TO FAMILIES AFTER THEY THOROUGHLY COWED. IN SHORT, PRESENT PRACTICES WOULD INDICATE THAT TURKISH AUTHORITIES ARE NOT CONTEMPLATING SUBSTANTIAL GREEK PRESENCE IN NORTHERN CYPRUS, EVEN FOLLOWING A FORMAL POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.

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